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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

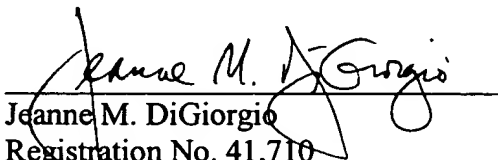
Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action (restriction requirement) mailed from the Patent Office on June 18, 2002.

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-12) without traverse. Claims 1-12 are drawn to a method for eliminating a target cell or antigen from the circulatory system.

If a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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